

Board of Selectmen  
Minutes March 01, 2016

Convened at 6:00 pm

Present: Ken Christiansen, Chair  
Jeffrey Bryan  
Andrew Artimovich  
Robert Mantegari

The Board met and reviewed payroll, accounts payable and signed the register. The Selectmen reviewed and signed the recreation register.

Jonathan Ellis was in to present the weekly Treasurer's report. Please see last page to view report.

There were no building permits to be signed this week.

Greg Postage, resident of 12 Sherry Circle was present to discuss concerns on his 2015 assessment. Postage presented the board with a chronology of events pertaining to his assessment. He first noticed an increase in assessment in May, based on his July bill. He came to the office and spoke with Clement regarding the issue, and she suggested reviewing this with Jim Michaud, the town's contract assessor. Postage had a phone conversation with Michaud and also met with him for an informal hearing during the revaluation. In the meantime, Postage had delayed paying his July tax bill as he was under the misunderstanding that a revised tax bill would be issued based on changes to his assessment. He received a letter from Clement in January that the interest shall be paid as it was not a billing error, and if Postage felt his assessment to be disproportionate his next step would be to file for an abatement.

Postage said his wife attempted to turn in an abatement application and it was not accepted by Clement. Clement said his wife came to the office with 2 abatement applications. One was for the interest on the July bill which has already been addressed and the other was for the 2015 assessment. Clement said the one for the 2015 assessment was accepted as it was submitted timely. Clement explained the full abatement process as defined by state RSA. Postage's main concern was the assessment for the July bill. Artimovich said it is not two separate filings. Postage said the R. Brideau was out and did an exterior measurement and estimated square footage based on the foot print. Artimovich said when they do an exterior inspection, they usually take that opportunity to go into the house. Clement said yes, but the notes say the door was "tagged" and access was denied. Postage said it is not required to let them into the house. Artimovich agreed and said that was his right, but this is what happens when you do not let the assessor in. He estimated finished square footage based on the foot print of the area instead of being allowed in for formal measurements.

Clement said the assessing year is from April 1st to March 31<sup>st</sup>. The tax bills are based on what was on the property as of April 1<sup>st</sup> of that year. Clement clarified that the assessment that Postage feels is disproportionate is his 2015 assessment. He said yes, and the current assessment. Bryan said once you abate the tax, if approved that would affect the future value. Clement said the town has until July 1<sup>st</sup> to issue an approval or denial for 2015 abatement applications, in the meantime Postage will receive his July 2016 tax bill based on his current assessment and that should still be paid to the tax collector in full. All other things being equal, if the abatement is approved Postage's December 2016 would be much smaller.

Dick Chamberlain was present to discuss the articles to be voted on at town meeting. Clement gave the board and Chamberlain the town meeting warrant with notes on each article. Chamberlain asked who typically offers a motion to

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restrict reconsideration. Artimovich said that comes from anyone in attendance. Chamberlain said the law has changed and if a motion to restrict reconsideration is not made on an article, and later in the meeting a motion is made to reconsider an article that vote needs to be at least 7 days later. Christiansen asked Clement to look into this further. Chamberlain and the board discussed some of the background on the warrant articles.

Chief Lemoine said the new truck will not be delivered for 2 more months. Lemoine said they are asking to take the truck to a show in Indiana. Bryan made a motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mantegari to deny the request for the truck to be taken to a show. All were in favor. Lemoine said the first payment is due in May. Clement said she will follow up with the finance company on the payment schedule if the truck has not been delivered.

Mantegari made a motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Artimovich to approve the public minutes of 02/16/2016 as written. All were in favor.

Bryan made a motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mantegari to approve the nonpublic minutes of 02/16/2016 as written. All were in favor.

Artimovich made a motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mantegari to reduce the mileage reimbursement rate to 54 cents per mile based on 2016 IRS rate. All were in favor.

Clement asked if the board wanted to pay the Swasey School in one payment or 2. Clement said it will save the town checks; it may only be a problem in December as cash flow gets tight. Bryan said we would just pay late in December if we had too. Mantegari felt that would be a bad precedent. Mantegari made a motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Artimovich to leave it as two checks. All were in favor.

Clement said the state changed the auto recycling dealer registration to 2 years and asked if the town wanted to change the junkyard permit to 2 years and double the fee as the permits are pulled in conjunction. It is \$25 a year now. Mantegari made a motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bryan to increase the junkyard permit fee to \$100 for 2 years. All were in favor.

Fremont called and asked for a contact to perambulate the town line. Artimovich said he would do that. Bryan said he would do Exeter as that needs to be done as well. Christiansen made a motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mantegari for Bryan to attend the Exeter BOS meeting to discuss perambulating the Brentwood/Exeter town line. All were in favor.

Clement said there is an RSA that states that municipalities are exempt from property tax if the property is for governmental use. Clement filed an abatement application with the Town of Fremont.

The board decided who would speak to each warrant article at town meeting.

Artimovich made a motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mantegari to appoint Albert Kozacka and Jonathan Markey as Deputy Forest Fire Wardens. All were in favor.

Bryan made a motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mantegari to sign the BOS questionnaire for Plodzik and Sanderson. All were in favor.

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Mantegari said the invoices to Nici are high. Artimovich said at the time, they were the only vendor in town. Clement will work on preparing an RFP.

Mantegari made a motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bryan for Christiansen to sign an acceptance and payment request form for equipment for the new engine. All were in favor.

Mantegari made a motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bryan to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 pm. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Clement

WEEKLY TREASURER'S REPORT					
DATE:			3/1/2016		
<b>Citizens General Fund:</b>					
	Previous Balance:		24,614.91		
	Deposits:		50,442.02		
	Payroll:		26,748.99	DD: 16067.13	CKS: 10681.86
	FICA:		6,999.06		
	to Impact Fees				
	A/P: Regular		486,556.95	Co-op: \$454,843	
	Void check				
	From MMA		465,000.00		
	TO MMA				
	Account Balance:		19,751.93		
	Interest Earned YTD:		4.42		
<b>CD's:</b>	Unrestricted Balance:		3,349,869.57		
<b>MMA:</b>	Unrestricted Balance:				
	Total Invested Funds:		3,349,869.57		
	Interest Earned YTD:		1,435.74		